GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:620
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2000
FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which came to the notice of the Government in regard to drawing of pension by fake freedom fighters during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether freedom fighters pension scheme is always open and people can apply even now;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to announce the dead line for applying freedom fighters pension; and

(d) if so, the total anuual expenditure being incurred by the Union Government on the pension of the freedom fighters at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.620 FOR 9.5.2000 REGARDING FRE
FIGHTERS` PENSION

(a): Complaints are received at times regarding drawal of freedom fighters` pension by ineligible persons on the basis of submission of false information/documents, etc. Such complaints are duly examined and enquired into. Pension is cancelled in those cases in which the complaints are found to be true. State-wise details of the number of cases in which pension was cancelled during the last three years are given below:

State	No. of cases
Andhra Pradesh	8
Bihar	18
Karnataka	1
Kerala	1
Maharashtra	3
Manipur	35
Orissa	2
Punjab	5
Rajasthan	1
Tamil Nadu	2
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	1

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): There is a proposal to close the scheme for grant of freedom fighters` pension.

(d): The expenditure incurred by the Central Government on grant of pension to freedom fighters during the year 1999-2000 was RS.186.32 crores approximately. This was in addition to the expenditure incurred on other facilities available to freedom fighters such as free railway passes and medical treatment, etc.